

**CLAIMS:**

1.

1           A method of making a dispensing closure comprising  
2           compression molding a charge of molten plastic to form a plastic closure having  
3   a base wall and a peripheral skirt, and forming an opening in said base wall of said plastic  
4   closure during the compression molding, and  
5           compression molding a combined liner and nozzle on said plastic closure.

2.

1           The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 1 wherein the step  
2   of forming said opening in said base wall comprises forming an integral transverse cull on the  
3   base wall of the plastic closure during the compression molding of said plastic closure and  
4   thereafter severing said cull to form said opening.

3.

1           The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 2 wherein the step  
2   of forming said opening comprises forming a thin integral web of plastic connecting said cull to  
3   said base wall of said closure.

4.

1           The method set forth in claim 2 wherein the step of forming said cull  
2   comprises forming a disk across said opening.

5.

1           The method set forth in claim 4 wherein the step of forming said disk  
2   comprises forming a thin web of plastic at the juncture of said base wall and said disk along  
3   which said disk may be severed.

6.

1           The method set forth in claim 2 wherein the step of forming said cull  
2   comprises forming a base wall and an integral wall integrally connected with said closure by a  
3   weakened line along which the cull is severed.

7.

1           The method set forth in claim 6 including forming said closure to a  
2   configuration such that it can be utilized as an overcap.

8.

1           The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 1 including  
2   forming at least one slit in said nozzle.

9.

1           The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 8 wherein the step  
2   of forming at least one slit in said nozzle comprises engaging said dispensing closure, applying  
3   a force to the outer surface of said nozzle and moving a cutting tool axially against the inner  
4   surface of said nozzle to cut said slit.

10.

1           The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 1 wherein the step  
2 of forming said combined liner and nozzle comprises forming said nozzle with a portion  
3 extending through said opening.

11.

1           The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 10 wherein the  
2 step of compression molding said plastic closure comprises forming an axial projection defining  
3 said opening, and wherein the step of said compression molding said combined liner and nozzle  
4 comprises engaging said axial projection to define a cavity for said nozzle during the  
5 compression molding.

12.

1           The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 11 wherein the  
2 step of compression molding of said plastic closure comprises forming a shoulder at the  
3 juncture of the inner surface of said base wall and said peripheral skirt, and engaging said  
4 shoulder with a forming tool to close the cavity during compression molding of the combined  
5 liner and nozzle.

13.

1           A method of making a closure comprising  
2           molding a charge of molten plastic to form a plastic closure having a base wall  
3   and a peripheral skirt, and forming an opening in said base wall of said plastic closure during  
4   the molding of said closure, and  
5           compression molding a combined liner and nozzle on said plastic closure.

14.

1           The method set forth in claim 13 wherein the step of forming said opening in  
2   said base wall comprises forming an integral transverse cull on the base wall of the plastic  
3   closure during the molding of said plastic closure and thereafter severing said cull to form said  
4   opening.

15.

1           The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of forming said opening  
2   comprises forming a thin integral web of plastic connecting said cull to said base wall of said  
3   closure.

16.

1           The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of molding said plastic closure  
2   comprises forming an axial projection defining said opening, and thereafter compression  
3   molding said liner by engaging said axial projection to define a cavity for said liner during the  
4   compression molding.

17.

1           The method set forth in claim 16 wherein the step of molding of said plastic  
2 closure comprises forming a shoulder at the juncture of the inner surface of said base wall and  
3 said peripheral skirt, and engaging said shoulder with a forming tool to close the cavity during  
4 the molding of the liner.

18.

1           The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of forming said cull comprises  
2 forming a disk across said opening.

19.

1           The method set forth in claim 18 wherein the step of forming said disk  
2 comprises forming a thin web of plastic at the juncture of said base wall and disk along which  
3 the disk may be severed.

20.

1           The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of forming said cull comprises  
2 forming a base wall and an integral wall integrally connected with said closure by a weakened  
3 line along which the cull is severed.

21.

1           The method set forth in claim 20 including forming said closure to a  
2 configuration such that it can be utilized as an overcap.

22.

1           The method set forth in claim 13 including forming at least one slit in said liner.

23.

1           The method set forth in claim 13 wherein said closure is molded by compression  
2   molding.